

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending herein. Claims 2-35 are withdrawn.

I. The double patenting rejection.

The USPTO respectfully provisionally rejects claim 1 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of copending Published Application No. 2004/0080598 (Serial No. 10/686,350) in view of Mitani (US 5,896,154). Applicants respectfully note that a terminal disclaimer has been filed with this Response, and therefore it is respectfully asserted that the double patenting rejection has been overcome.

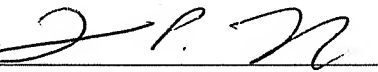
II. Conclusion.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please contact the undersigned for any reason. Applicants seek to cooperate with the Examiner including via telephone if convenient for the Examiner.

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